

2021-Aug.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2021-Aug. 10th August 2021, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Sally Maddox, Elliott Blackmore, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 3 parishioners

In the absence of Cllr Brett, Vice chairwoman Cllr Maddox took the chair.

POLICE REPORT. BPC has been invited to give its 3 policing priorities; they are; speeding, speeding and the occasional attendance of an officer, in uniform, at BPC meetings.

OPEN FORUM

Cllr Blackmore painted over the graffiti in the Montford Bridge bus shelter.

There is foliage over some road signs, the lengthsman will be asked to cut it back.

SC Cllr Picton report: **Highways** report that the number of potholes in the county has been reduced from 9000 to 6000. A **cycle-way** from Shelton to Bicton will be installed. **The Coppice to Hospice footpath**, plans are going well. **As the Shelton developments progress** there will be a speed limit reduction on the B4380. **Before a VAS can be installed in Montford Bridge** data must be collected from strips on the road. **Kier are the contractors for SC** but they sub contract the work out. SC does not sub contract directly because the administrative burden would be large.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Richard Brett NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2021-Jul, dated 13/7/21. These were signed as a true and accurate account.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The footpaths by Villa Farm and the Village Hall to Villa Lane footpath get muddy and need some stone to top them.

4.3 Severnway improvements, a progress report. Paul Butter has reported that some more stone is needed. He has a plan to address the drainage issues. The clerk is asked to write a letter of thanks to Dave Ford of 'Dreamscapes' to thank him for the donation of stone.

4.4 Street naming: 'The street names and Official Addresses for the SWSUE were established in 2014 following consultation with Bicton Parish Council and Shrewsbury Town Council. The site covers the boundary of both Parishes and therefore both Parish Councils were consulted. Bicton Parish Council responded to the consultation and suggested that the street names were taken from the War Memorial at Bicton Parish Church. There were no suggestions or comments made by Shrewsbury Town Council at that time and the whole site was named using former soldiers' names taken from the War Memorial. Noted.

4.5 **Road Closure:** Shepherd's Lane, 23rd August 2021 to 3rd September 2021 **Purpose:** Airband, Excavations required to fit poles for telecoms assets. Road to be closed between 9:30 - 15:30 only. Noted.

4.6 Does BPC want to plant a tree to celebrate The Queen's 70th anniversary celebrations in 2022? Yes! BPC does want to plant many trees. Cllrs Warren and Llewellyn will draw up a list of potential sites and land-owners.

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 21/03233/FUL Application under Section 73A of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990 for the installation of a ground-source-heat-pump system to serve the new Living Well Centre at the Hospice. BPC supports this application.

5.2 21/03509/FUL Four Crosses Inn, Change of use from a public house to a children's nursery. BPC supports this application.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 379 £51,374.44 verified by Chairman.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 JTC Crushing, £770 plus vat £154 = £924.00 (Rubble crushing for the Severnway.) chq 236
- 7.2 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties £392.00 chq237
- 7.3 JW &PM Edwards, hedge cutting, £151.20 chq 238
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

8.1 Three offers of free training; 1, awareness of child exploitation in our communities. 2, Sonya Jones from We Are With You and Jeanette Hill from Shropshire Council who deal with youth addiction issues and criminal exploitation have offered to speak at parish council meetings. 3, Helena Williams & Sian Makin from Shropshire Council focus on developing youth activity across the county. Parish councillors can approach Helena/Sian for youth ideas. Noted.

9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.

- 9.1 Grange Bank footway has vegetation growing across it; the road gutters need sweeping and there are gutters around The Oval in need of a sweep. Cllr Maddox has reported these to SC.
- 9.2 Cllr Maddox did a litter pick and noted that the bin collection had left some litter.
- 9.3 Another SMARTWater kit has been taken up.
- 9.4 The tree by 5 The Oval is slightly shading the street-light but so far is not causing a problem.
- 9.5 The road by the entrance to Shrewsbury Storage, on Isle Lane, is sometimes blocked by vehicles whilst the gate is opened. This blockage rarely lasts for more than a minute or two but it can happen several times a day.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 14th September 2021. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.06 pm.
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